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In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 4-5, 7, 9-13, 16-17, 19, 22-26, 29-30, 32-33, 35-37, 40-41, 45, 47-48, 50, 52, 54-55, and 57 without prejudice or disclaimer to applicants' right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in a future continuation or divisional application and amend claims 34, 43, and 56 pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.121(b) by deleting the bracketed material and inserting the underlined material as follows:

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(Amended) The diagnostic kit of claim 31[, 32 or 33] further comprising a control sample [(s)] wherein the control sample is from a normal pregnant subject [sample (s)]

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(Amended) The early pregnancy associated isoform of hCG recognized by the monoclonal antibody of claim [40] 38, wherein the monoclonal antibody is designated B152.

(Amended) The method of claim [48] 44, wherein the qestational trophoblast disease is choriocarcinoma or hydatidiform mole and the second antibody is B109.

REMARKS

a continuation of PCT International application is February PCT/US99/02289, filed 3 No. designating the United States of America and claiming priority 09/017,976, filed February 3, of U.S. Serial No. parent application, PCT International Accordingly, the Application No. PCT/US99/02289, is pending today in the United